

Agency Council on Coordinated Transportation meeting summary
Washington State Department of Transportation
Commission Boardroom
310 Maple Park
Olympia WA 98501

Friday December 16, 2011
11:30 AM – 2:00 PM

Board members present: Page Scott, Brian Lagerberg, Robin Rettew, Ann Kennedy for Lynn Moody, Allan Jones, Tom Hingson, Barbara Sainitzer, Joelle Brouner, Cindy Steigerwald, Madelyn Carlson, Paul Meury for Todd Slettvet

WSDOT staff: Don Chartock, Ryan Warner, Evan Olsen and Jef Lucero

Approval of August meeting notes

A motion was made to approve the minutes from the August meeting. The motion passed.

Legislation, Transportation and General Fund Budgets

Don began by clarifying that the Council will not be asking for any money during the upcoming legislative session; rather, it will draft and/or update its enabling legislation with a focus on unmet needs and underserved areas. The Council will look to leverage collective knowledge and community expertise while also ensuring steps are taken to avoid duplication of effort.

The group then discussed the agencies that comprise its membership, and whether any agencies or interests not currently represented should be extended an invitation to join. Paul suggested that both the Health Care Authority and DSHS be represented as well as migrant worker services. Joelle suggested that the council reach out to state tribes. Allen discussed the possibility of asking the Washington State School Director Association to join. The group decided on a “Prescriptive plus discretion” approach, which will direct some aspects, but allow for additional members to be added to committees or workgroups.

The group then discussed its work plan and whether any components should be codified. The prescriptive-plus-discretion approach might include such items as the HSTP, cost and ride sharing, performance measures, mobility management and travel training, and addressing all underserved populations.

Statewide Human Services Transportation Plan (HSTP)

Don began by noting that WSDOT has begun the process of soliciting a consultant for developing the HSTP, and that Jerry Ayres will be the project manager. He then went over some of the proposed program elements and asked that anyone interested in volunteering support for the steering committee contact him.

OSPI Homeless Student Report

Allen discussed OSPI's recently completed report to the Legislature on homeless student transportation. The new funding model for student transportation was implemented this fall. The full report is available on [OSPI's student transportation website](#).

Veterans Transportation

Evan Olsen began by mentioning that FTA issued a notice of funding availability for technology-based grants in July. WSDOT applied on behalf of interested parties, and all four applications were awarded:

- Pierce County/Community Connections- expanded 2-1-1 services.
- HopeLink- mobile phone application, website upgrade and service kiosk.
- Human Services Council- improved compatibility in service area and dispatch capabilities.
- Paratransit Services- improved call center and brokerage capacity.

These upgrades provide for better integrated and coordinated services among these providers, while allowing them to better serve customers in their respective (if overlapping) service areas without duplicating effort.

New quarterly schedule

Don will send Outlook calendar invitations for the 2012 meetings.

Member and audience comments

Allan: DOH is compiling a list of available resources for statewide EMS coordinators.

Tom: Everett Station will celebrate its 10-year anniversary on Feb. 10.

Page: Connecting Washington Task Force completed its work- a proposal is expected soon.

Paul: Four ambulance service districts might soon be asking for stretcher car assistance.

Don: Shamus Misek at WSDOT is working on a new agricultural vanpool program.

Danette: She will chair a special needs committee at PSRC.

SNOTRAC is a recipient of one of the PSRC Equity Grant awards, focusing on surveying the needs of seniors through all aspects of their daily living; medical, housing, shopping, social, transportation, ethnic meeting locations, fitness, etc. in relation to the implementation of the North Link Light Rail system and preparing and planning for the needs and accessibility of seniors for this project.

Don: 2010 Summary of Public Transportation was released on Dec. 1.

Ryan: WSDOT is convening two accessibility committees- one at Ferries, the other more general to the agency. WSDOT is soliciting membership right now, so please contact Ryan if you're interested. Also, a statewide accessibility assessment of WSDOT facilities is underway.